



## RESOLUTION 10-04

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission (“Commission”) is an appointed body established to advise the Mayor and City Council on long-range and city-wide matters related to Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul enjoys a rich environment of land and water resources which have been entrusted to City Departments for use, protection, and delivery of services to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has authorized formation of special units of local government for protection of water resources in the form of watershed management organizations and districts, and these organizations have created regulations to improve and protect water quality; and

WHEREAS, increased regulations place requirements on City facilities and projects, both current and future, and meeting these requirements in a fiscally responsible manner may result in improved projects, benefitting both the citizens and the quality of the resources affected; and

WHEREAS, collaboration between the Departments of Public Works and Parks and Recreation on development of water quality protection projects presents an opportunity to develop stormwater facilities that meet both Departments’ needs in an economical manner; and

WHEREAS, the City has recognized, in its Charter Section 13.01.1, that Park land is a valuable resource, and established a protection known as the “Parkland Diversion” policy, which protects diversion of park land resources for non-park purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City has in its ordinances Chapter 52, which details its Stormwater Management requirement standards; and

WHEREAS, the City, in its Comprehensive Plan Parks and Recreation Chapter and Water Chapter, has addressed a number of policies toward the protection and enhancement of resources which promote conscientious and innovative approaches to stormwater management; and

WHEREAS, the City, in its Comprehensive Plan Parks and Recreation Chapter, includes *Policy 3.19: “Work with other City departments and appropriate staff in coordinating appropriate decisions and policies on water and energy issues”*; and

WHEREAS, the Departments of Public Works and Parks and Recreation seek to collaborate in conformance with Comprehensive Plan policies in pursuing leadership in environmental design for water quality and storm water management, and their staffs have worked to develop a policy of interdepartmental cooperation to fulfill the goals of the City of Saint Paul, be consistent with the recreation needs of the community, exhibit leadership in environmental design, create an opportunity to leverage additional resources through state and regional partnerships, and meet the regulatory requirements of local, City, State, and Federal agencies in a cost effective manner; and

WHEREAS, the Departments of Public Works and Parks and Recreation have jointly developed the “**Water Resources Protection Cooperative Policy**” which includes eight supporting policies and description of the process of implementation of the policy; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission, upon recommendation of the Director of Parks and Recreation, recommends adoption of the “**Water Resources Protection Cooperative Policy**” between the Departments of Public Works and Parks and Recreation, and supports the agreement by the respective Department Directors to adopt the policy and commit their respective departments to the policies and implementation process included therein.

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Adopted by the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission on April 14, 2010:

Approved:	Yeas	<u>5</u>
	Nays	<u>0</u>
	Absent:	<u>4</u>

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Attested to by:

  
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Staff to the Parks and Recreation Commission